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SUBJECT: FISHING TACKLE -- USITC TO DETERMINE EFFECT OF
IMPORTS ON DOMESTIC INDUSTRY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF USITC NOTICE, DATED MARCH 30, 1978,
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ANNOUNCING THAT THE COMMISSION HAD INSTITUTED AN INVESTIGA-
TION TO DETERMINE WHETHER UNITED STATES PRODUCERS ARE
ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE IMPORT RELIEF PROVISIONS
OF TITLE II OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974.(BEGIN TEXT)

INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF A PETITION
ON MARCH 21, 1978, FILED BY THE AMERICAN FISHING TACKLE

MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (AFTMA) AND THE TACKLE REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION (TRA) BOTH OF CHICAGO, ILL., THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, ON MARCH 29, 1978, INSTITUTED AN INVESTIGATION UNDER SECTION 201(3) OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2251(B)) TO DETERMINE WHETHER SNEELED HOOKS; FISHING RODS AND PARTS THEREOF; FISHING REELS AND PARTS THEREOF; AND ARTIFICIAL BAITS AND FLIES ; PROVIDED FOR IN ITEMS 731.05; 731.15; 731.20 THROUGH 731.26, INCLUSIVE; AND 731.60 OF THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES, ARE BEING IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH INCREASED QUANTITIES AS TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL CAUSE

OF SERIOUS INJURY, OR THE THREAT THEREOF, TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY PRODUCING AN ARTICLE LIKE OR DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE WITH THE IMPORTED ARTICLE.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED. A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION WILL BE HELD IN CHICAGO, ILL., BEGINNING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1978. THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARING WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. REQUESTS FOR APPEARANCES AT THE HEARING SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION AT HIS OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. NOT LATER THAN NOON OF THE FIFTH CALENDAR DAY PRECEDING THE HEARING AT WHICH AN APPEARANCE IS REQUESTED.

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A PREHEARING CONFERENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION WILL BE HELD AT 9:30 A.M., E.D.T., ON MAY 30, 1978, IN ROOM 117, U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION BUILDING, 701 E STREET NW., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20436.

INSPECTION OF THE PETITION. THE PETITION FILED IN THIS MATTER IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, 701 E STREET NW., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20436 AND AT THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION LOCATED AT 6 WORLD TRADE CENTER. (END TEXT)

2. PETITION STATES AFTMA REPRESENTS 403 FIRMS MANUFACTURING FISHING TACKLE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND THEY ACCOUNT FOR 96 PERCENT OF UNITED STATES PRODUCTION. THE TRA CONSISTS OF 55 INDEPENDENT SALES REPRESENTATIVE FIRMS WHO REPRESENT THE PRODUCT LINES OF AFTMA MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN THE INDUSTRY. IN FISCAL YEAR 1975, THE LAST YEAR FOR WHICH DATA ARE SHOWN IN THE PETITION, INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS WERE VALUED AT \$253 MILLION.

3. AFTMA IS SEEKING A COMBINATION OF TWO FORMS OF RELIEF

FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. IT PROPOSES THAT SNElLED
HOOKS (732.05), REELS (731.20, 731.22, 731.24), REEL
PARTS (731.26) AND ARTIFICIAL BAITs AND FLIES (731.60) BE
REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED BY EXECUTIVE
ORDER 11888 OF NOVEMBER 24, 1975, AS AMENDED, THAT ARE
ELIGIBLE FOR THE BENEFITS OF GSP WHEN IMPORTED FROM
ANY ELIGIBLE DESIGNATED BENFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY.
FISHING RODS AND PARTS (731.15), WHICH ARE ALSO INCLUDED
IN THE INDUSTRY'S PETITION FOR RELIEF, ARE NOT ON THE
GSP LIST.

4. IN ADDITION, AFTMA PROPOSES THE IMPOSITION OF A
QUOTA ON FISHING RODS (731.15), FISHING ROD PARTS

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(731.15), REELS (731.20, 731.22 AND 731.24), AND REEL
PARTS (731.26) TO BE SET AT THE 1975 LEVEL OF IMPORTS.
MISSIONS WILL NOTE THAT WHILE THE INDUSTRY PROPOSES THE
REMOVAL OF SNElLED HOOKS AND ARTIFICIAL BAITs AND FLIES
FROM THE GSP LIST, IT IS NOT ASKING FOR THE IMPOSITION
OF QUOTAS ON IMPORTS OF SUCH ARTICLES.

5. IN 1977 THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF UNITED STATES IMPORTS
OF THE ARTICLES SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION WAS \$84 MILLION,
OF WHICH \$48 MILLION WAS IN THE FORM OF REELS AND \$23
MILLION IN RODS- JAPAN, SUPPLYING ARTICLES VALUED AT
\$33 MILLION (LARGELY REELS) WAS THE PRINCIPAL SOURCE
OF IMPORTS. KOREA AND TAIWAN, EACH SUPPLYING AROUND
\$12 MILLION, WERE THE PRINCIPAL SECONDARY SOURCES OF
SUPPLY.

6. THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 PROVIDES THAT THE REPORT OF
THE USITC DETERMINATION IN SECTION 201 PROCEEDINGS SHALL
BE MADE AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE BUT NOT LATER
THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE PETITION
IS FILED. THE USITC REPORT ON FISHING TACKLE AND
EQUIPMENT IS, THEREFORE, DUE ON SEPTEMBER 21. POSTS
WILL BE ADVISED OF SIGNFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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